

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification paragraph beginning on page 3, line ¹⁵~~17~~, as *gm*
follows:

To achieve the aforementioned objects, a passage for bypassing the throttle valve when a throttle valve is located at the mechanically fully closed position (an endpoint of the throttle valve rotatable range on the opposite side of the range from the throttle valve-fully open position) is formed on the wall surface of the air intake pipe, and the position for minimum intake air volume for control purpose is formed at a position slightly opened than that position.